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## CITY NOTES

CLUB MEETING.—The Keystone Republican club will hold an important meeting tonight at Howard place hall.

PASTOR RESIGNS.—Rev. G. W. Welsh has resigned the pastorate of the Calvinist Reformed church, to accept a call at Manheim, Pa.

WORK RESUMED.—As forecast in the Tribune, work was yesterday resumed at the Hillside Coal and Iron company's collieries at Forest City.

PREPARING FOR CHURCH CONCERT.—The Penn Avenue Baptist church choir is preparing for a concert to be given at the church Thanksgiving night.

SPECIAL MEETING.—Select council will hold a special meeting tonight to pass a resolution permitting the fire department to participate in the state convention parade.

NEW LAW STUDENT.—William A. Stevenson yesterday registered as a student at law in the office of Attorney Geo. B. Davidson. He is a graduate of Lehigh university, class of '98.

SCRANTON MINISTER ASSIGNED.—The Free Methodist conference, which closed at Allentown Sunday, assigned Rev. John Cavanaugh, of this city, to Loy Hill. Rev. D. J. Sauter will come to this city.

MEETING POSTPONED.—Owing to the stormy weather last evening, the meeting of the Hookkeepers' club was postponed until Thursday night, when all interested are invited to meet at 31 Lackawanna avenue.

LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS.—Thirty-five new students have been enrolled at St. Thomas college, making a total of 112 students at this institution. Rev. D. J. MacGuldrick has returned from Sarre and assumed charge of the college.

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS.—The congregation of Bent-Abraham and Jacob, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Barnet Levy, president; B. Stammerman, vice president; N. Burke, secretary; N. Saravitz, treasurer; D. Swartz, A. Stone, M. Cohen, trustees.

BOARDS OF HEALTH REPORT.—Twenty-four deaths were reported to the board of health last week. There were also reported twenty-one new cases of communicable diseases, sixteen of diphtheria and five of scarlet fever. There was one death from each of the following diseases: Scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever and membranous croup.

We invite the Ladies

to our opening of fall millinery, Wednesday and Thursday, when we will display the newest creations in feminine headgear.

Miss Hannah Jenkins,  
447 Spruce street.

## GREEN RIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB.

Discussed the Sanitary Condition of the City Yesterday.

The Green Ridge Women's club held its first post vacation meeting yesterday afternoon in the Green Ridge library. Mrs. J. J. Lansing, the president, presided and the other officers were present as follows: Vice-president Mrs. C. P. Davidson; secretary, Mrs. Alfred Pennington; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Dunn.

A number of new members were first received into the organization, after which the improvement of the sanitary condition of the city was discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that a medical inspector should be appointed to the public schools, to look after the general sanitary condition of the various rooms and buildings and also to see that all children attending the schools are properly vaccinated. The number of open sewers in the city was also commented upon.

Dr. George L. Berlinghoff read an interesting paper on sanitation, offering suggestions for improvements along this line. The various sections of the club will be in charge during the ensuing year of the following ladies: Art, Misses Robinson and Gerschock; music, Mrs. Lansing and Mrs. Pennington; history, Misses Rundage and Conners; social, Mrs. Howarth and Mrs. Mattes.

The entertainment part of yesterday's programme was devoted to a discussion of sanitation. Dr. Berlinghoff read a most interesting paper in which he urged the appointment of a medical examiner in schools. Mr. Arthur Dunn gave a paper relating to the subject of sanitation and advocated the assistance of Green Ridge people in the interest of health and public safety. Dr. Martha Everett, Mrs. G. E. Dean and others followed in remarks upon the same topic.

A committee was appointed to communicate with the State Protective League regarding the relation of state and local sanitary agencies. The committee consists of Mrs. G. Edgar Dean, Mrs. Hurley and Mrs. George Dounce. If the Green Ridge Woman's club takes up this matter and says to the city of Scranton "Let it be clean," it will be clean.

The number in attendance yesterday was seventy or more and it is probable that the limit of membership will be reached before the next general meeting. The musical session will meet every week. The history session on the second and fourth Tuesdays. All meetings will be held in the Green Ridge library.

The next general meeting will be held on the last Monday in October, in the same place.

## GOVERNMENT MAIL SERVICE.

System of Appointments and Manner of Procedure for Applicants.

The increase of the Scranton letter carrier force from thirty-seven to forty-two members will not necessarily deplete the force of substitute carriers, but in reality furnish more work for all the men. By the advancement of William B. Prosser, William H. Bird, James F. Lynett, Thomas D. Davis and Rudolph E. Weis to the regular force there yet remains eight qualified substitutes on the list.

The appointments will not take effect until Nov. 1 and by that time all the regular carriers will have resumed their duties from National examinations. This will make room on the substitute list for the other men who are in line for duty. They are Thomas B. Birtley, Harry H. Moore, William J. Owens, Benjamin F. Thomas, James P. Saltry, Edward J. Leonard, Henry R. Edwards and William E. Shepherd.

The addition of three mounted carriers will not necessarily mean that the new men will be assigned to that particular work, but it will be the means of providing better collection and delivery service in the suburban districts. The government provides for horse hire and the mounted carrier will not be under obligation to look after his charge, but may own the animal, which will be an advantage, as the owner is liberally compensated.

The civil service competitive examinations for carriers and clerks will be conducted in the government building on Nov. 22 by the local civil service board, of which Louis G. Schantz is secretary.

The applications for this examination must be made on the United States civil service commission blanks, No. 101, which can be obtained from Mr. Schantz. Applications will not be accepted unless on file in correct form before the hour of closing business on Oct. 23.

Department examinations for positions in the government service will be conducted in this city on Oct. 17 and all applications must be filed at Washington with the United States civil service commission.

The above requirements must be followed by persons who contemplate entering the government service.

METHODIST MINISTERS MEET.

Rev. Mr. Godshall Reads an Excellent Paper.

## LAW SEALED THE WITNESS' LIPS

CITY BANK CASE CAME TO ABRUPT ENDING.

Verdict Directed for the Defendants in the \$40,000 Suit Against the Alleged Sureties of Vice President Jessup, Deceased—An Interesting Procedure at Law—Extension Granted in the Election Contest. Referee Reynolds Reverses His Former Rulings—Disposition of Cases in Common Pleas—Court House News Notes.

The case of Joseph H. Gunter, assistant, against ex-Judge W. H. Jessup and the estates of B. H. Throop, Albert Boardley and G. A. Jessup, deceased, came to an abrupt termination yesterday before Judge Archibald. The law in the matter of contracts, which seals the mouth of one interested party when the other interested party is dead, is responsible therefor.

It is one of the city bank cases. G. A. Jessup was cashier and vice-president. The four defendants were his sureties as cashier in the sum of \$25,000. They paid this amount and more, and after many trials it was decided before Judge Albright last year that they had fully discharged their obligation.

The present suit is an effort to collect an indebtedness of \$40,000 alleged to be resting against Jessup as vice-president. The plaintiff alleges that these same parties were on Jessup's bond as vice-president. The bond is lost, but they proposed to prove that it existed, by parole testimony and the corroborating circumstance that the minutes of the bank contained a clause directing Mr. Jessup to give a bond as vice-president.

The defense was that there is no such indebtedness; that while the directors ordered a bond to be given, the order was never complied with. In substantiation of this there are depositions by the deceased Jessup that he never gave such a bond and by Throop and Boardley that they never signed such a bond, and testimony to the same effect by W. H. Jessup, the sole surviving party to the alleged transaction.

E. Merrifield, one of the stockholders of the bank, and likewise a large creditor, was the party by whom the plaintiff proposed to prove the existence of the bond that was lost. In anticipation of the law above mentioned operating against his competency, he disposed of his claims recently by assignment to Henry Armbrust, another creditor. The defense maintained that this did not qualify him and Judge Archibald sustained the contention, ruling that Mr. Merrifield's disposition of his claim to Mr. Armbrust, who had done in bad faith, was "a colorable assignment" and that as a stockholder of the bank was responsible for its debts to twice the amount of his stock. Mr. Merrifield was interested in collecting as much as possible from the defendants. Upon this ruling the defense claimed and was awarded a verdict.

The benefit of an exception and a rule for a new trial was allowed the plaintiff. The attorneys for the plaintiff were S. R. Price and C. H. Welles, of Welles & Torrey. Major Everett Warren and Hon. C. P. O'Malley, of Willard, Warren & Knapp, and James H. Torrey, of Welles & Torrey, represented the defense. Messrs. Welles & Torrey were in the case before former Judge Boardley. Ex-Judge Jessup also sat with the defendants attorneys.

The case of David T. Williams against Ames J. Carey to recover \$350 alleged to be owing on a note is on trial before Judge Edwards. Another "note" case, The Travelers' bank against Joseph E. Hughes was called before Judge Archibald at the close of the City bank case.

The following cases were settled: James Bower against Elk Hill Coal company; Chapin & Co. against Quincebush & Co.; C. A. C. Schmidt & Co. against David Richards, et al.; David E. Nichols against Scranton Traction company; Charles W. Hilgert against John Killian; James Campbell against city of Carbondale.

The following cases were continued: Peter Corin against Roche & Fadden; Mary A. Pelton against I. C. Cobb; Patrick Connor against the Scranton Traction company; Mary Timmons against the city of Carbondale; Trademark cases; Chapin & Co. against Quincebush & Co.; C. A. C. Schmidt & Co. against David Richards, et al.; David E. Nichols against Scranton Traction company; Charles W. Hilgert against John Killian; James Campbell against city of Carbondale.

Referee Reverses Himself.

Attorney H. C. Reynolds yesterday filed his second report in the case of Emily C. Phule against the Diamond Colliery Accidental fund, reversing the former finding in favor of the plaintiff and ruling that there was no cause of action.

The suit was brought to recover \$100 funeral benefits which the Accidental fund withheld on the ground that the husband, by whose death, Mrs. Phule claimed she was a beneficiary in the amount named, had not maintained his membership in the society.

The husband was ill for several months previous to his death and neglected to pay two assessments that were levied, thereby disqualifying himself under the provision of the fund's constitution and by-laws. The plaintiff alleged that the constitution and by-laws were in conflict with the laws of the state, and that because of the failure of the fund's officers to bring legal notice of the assessments to the plaintiff's membership could not be invalidated.

The first finding of the referee was excepted to and Judge Archibald sent the case back to the referee. In reversing himself Mr. Reynolds says he can do nothing under the law as laid down by Judge Archibald.

Extension Granted.

Court yesterday granted a five day extension to the time for taking testimony for the respondent in the Langstaff election contest and added five days to the thirty days which the contestant was allowed for rebuttal.

This will bring the taking of testimony to an end about the middle of November.

Marriage Licenses.

Thomas Henry Fluelen, Carbondale; Anna Lydia Nicol, Carbondale; Richard H. Jones, Jermy; Clara Roe, Mayfield; George F. Mackinder, Old Forge; Laura Estelle Owen, Old Forge.

Michael Walsh, 437 Fourth street; Marie Cosgrove, 327 River street; Brock L. Wilcox, Elmhurst; Ethel M. Bowen, Moscow; Joseph Wickelman, Jessup; Rose Lynch, Jessup; John McNulty, 121 Linden street; Leah J. Evans, 491 South Main avenue; Amos Helmer, Scranton; Bridget Berry, Scranton; James Toole, 614 Ferdinand street; Bridget Murphy, 614 Ferdinand street; Richard Logan, Priebrich; Ella Riley, Dickinson City.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

The case of M. G. Conlin against William Fallon was referred to Attorney T. P. Duffy.

The case of Dr. J. L. Wentz against S. Hinerfelt was referred to Attorney W. B. Ryan.

A rule to open judgment and permit of a defense was granted in the case of Elmgood against Merrithew.

An alio subdono in divorce was directed to issue in the case of M. E. Walter against Christiana Walter.

In the matter of the estate of A. E. Burr a rule was granted to show cause why the allowance should not be reduced.

In the case of M. J. Martin against M. Hinerfelt, a rule was granted to show cause why the sheriff's sale should not be set aside.

The case of the Manhattan Storage Warehouse company against Adolph Breschel was referred to Attorney John M. Corbett.

In the divorce case of Pauline Scheuer against John Scheuer, a rule was granted on the respondent to compel him to pay alimony and counsel fees.

In the case of John J. Curran against the Albany Valley Railroad company, a rule was granted to show cause why the service of summons should not be set aside.

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